

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Adult Public Assistance Component Budget Summary

Component: Adult Public Assistance

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provides financial assistance for basic living expenses to needy elderly, blind or disabled individuals.

Core Services

- The Adult Public Assistance Program (APA) was created to supplement Social Security benefits for elderly and disabled Alaskans. The program provides the recipient with the income support and access to medical care needed to remain as independent as possible in the community.
- Each month benefits are issued to APA clients in an amount equal to the maximum supplemental payment scheduled less adjustment for any income the individual receives.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$56,370,000

Personnel:

Full time	1
Part time	0
Total	1

Key Component Challenges

- Although the number of people receiving help from the Adult Public Assistance (APA) program has grown slowly in recent years, the caseload is expected to begin to increase at a faster rate in FY09. The increased need mirrors the shifting demographics in Alaska. This appears to be a direct result from a combination of increased state population, improved medical technology, and an aging "baby boom" cohort. Some recipients experience permanent disabilities and are likely to rely on the APA program for their entire adult lives. Continued APA funding provides critical financial assistance enabling them to live with dignity in the community.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

- We expect the APA caseload will continue to grow at a faster rate in accordance with the population's demographics.
- Implement the Social Security Administration's new electronic payment and administrative process for collecting retroactive Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) benefits. Retroactive SSI benefits are collected when individuals choose to receive Interim Assistance benefits while they wait for their SSI decision, and agree to repay the State when SSI is approved.
- Promote employment for persons with disabilities in partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, and market the availability of working disabled Medicaid buy-in coverage.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

- Continued to achieve Interim Assistance program savings through the medical review process, which has been shown to increase the probability that individuals approved to receive Interim Assistance are likely to meet the Social Security definition of disability and qualify for SSI. The Interim Assistance caseload has decreased by about 50% since the medical review process was first implemented.
- Provided working disabled Medicaid buy-in coverage to an average of 229 individuals a month. These

- individuals are former recipients who are now employed and no longer receiving APA.
Provided APA benefits to approximately 5,000 elderly and 11,700 disabled Alaskans in FY08.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.25.430 - .615 Adult Public Assistance
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**Adult Public Assistance
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	134.6	138.6
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	53,489.6	56,731.4	56,231.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	53,489.6	56,866.0	56,370.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	979.1	1,030.0	1,030.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	48,608.5	51,773.0	51,277.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	3,902.0	4,063.0	4,063.0
Funding Totals	53,489.6	56,866.0	56,370.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	979.1	1,030.0	1,030.0
Interagency Receipts	51015	3,902.0	4,063.0	4,063.0
Restricted Total		4,881.1	5,093.0	5,093.0
Total Estimated Revenues		4,881.1	5,093.0	5,093.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	51,773.0	1,030.0	4,063.0	56,866.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	4.0	0.0	0.0	4.0
Proposed budget decreases:				
-General Fund Decrement for the Adult Public Assistance Program	-500.0	0.0	0.0	-500.0
FY2010 Governor	51,277.0	1,030.0	4,063.0	56,370.0

**Adult Public Assistance
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2009</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2010</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	1	1	Annual Salaries	92,660
Part-time	0	0	COLA	3,767
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	44,287
			<i>Less 1.50% Vacancy Factor</i>	(2,114)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	1	1	Total Personal Services	138,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Nurse Consultant I	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	1	0	0	0	1